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SYSTEMS AND METHODS

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision in the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, and from the Advisory Action mailed December 4, 2003, wherein the Examiner rejects claims 1-19. Applicant is enclosing a check in the amount of \$165.00 covering the requisite small entity fee for filing a Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) (Fee Code 2401). Nevertheless, in the case of any variance between the fees determined by Applicant and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully maintains that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an interview with Applicant's representatives, either in person or by telephone, would expedite prosecution of

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this application, we would welcome such an opportunity.

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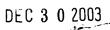
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Technology Center 2100 Complete If Known 09/627.232 Application No. FEE TRANSMITTAL Filing Date July 27, 2000 First Named Inventor Nancy George [MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION] **Examiner Name** A. Kindred 2172 Group Art Unit 165.00 Attorney Docket No. 066990.0102 Total Amount Of Payment | (\$) **FEE CALCULATION (continued) METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one) ADDITIONAL FEES** 1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over Fee Paid Fee Description payments to Deposit Account No. 02-0375 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath \$ in the name of Baker Botts L.L.P. Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet Charge any additional fee required under 37 \$ Extension for reply with 1 month C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account X Notice of Appeal 165.00 No. 02-0375. Filing Brief in Support of Appeal \$ Request for Oral Hearing 2. Check Enclosed. The Commissioner is X hereby authorized to charge any variance Utility Issue Fee (or reissue) between the amount enclosed and the Patent Design Issue Fee Office charges to Deposit Account No. 02-Plant Issue Fee 0375 in the name of Baker Botts L.L.P, The Petitions to Commissioner Warner, Suite 1300, 1299 Pennsylvania ☐ → Petition to Revive (unavoidable) Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004-2400. Petition to Revive (unintentional) Petitions Related to Provisional **FEE CALCULATION Applications** BASIC FILING FEE Large Entity Small Entity Submission of Information Disclosure Statement \$ Filing Submission After Final Rejection Fee Paid Utility Filing Fee Recordation of Assignment Document \$ \$ Design Filing Fee Filing Request for Reexamination Plant Filing Fee Other (specify) Advanced Patent Copies \$ Reissue Filing Fee Provisional Filing Fee **EXTRA CLAIMS FEES CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Rate **Highest Number Number Present** Paid For Extra Large Entity Small Entity **Amount** For **TOTAL CLAIMS** 0 \$0.00 20 x \$ 18.00 x \$ 9.00 \$0.00 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 3 0 x \$ 86.00 x \$ 43.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS \$ 290.00 \$ 145.00 \$0.00 TOTAL EXTRA ÉLAIMS FEES \$0.00 SUBMITTED # Complete (if applicable) James B. Arb 33,470 Typed or Printed Name Registration No. Deposit Account User ID 02-0375 Signature Date 12/23/03